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I have the honour to transmit herewith the second report of the Joint Commission to the Security Council on the status of the decisions of the Procurement Working Group and on any implementation issues, which covers the period from 7 July to 22 December 2016.*

I should be grateful if the present letter and the report could be issued as a document of the Council.

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* The report is being issued without formal editing.

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Report of the Joint Commission to the United Nations Security Council on the status of the Procurement Working Group's decisions and on any implementation issues

1. This is the second report of the Joint Commission, established by the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, to the United Nations Security Council on the status of the Procurement Working Group's decisions and on any implementation issues. It provides an overview of the work undertaken by the Procurement Working Group from 7 July to 22 December 2016.

2. During the reporting period, the Procurement Working Group — comprising the States that are participants in the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, with a designated representative of the High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy serving as Coordinator — held six meetings. Representatives of the International Atomic Energy Agency participated as observers in one of the meetings. The Procurement Working Group reviewed five proposals from two States. Three of the proposals were recommended for approval. The rest are currently under review.

3. The Procurement Working Group responded to an enquiry put forward by one State, through the United Nations Security Council, on proposals for activities pursuant to paragraph 2 of annex B to resolution 2231 (2015) in cases where the goods in question are intended to remain in Iran only for a certain period of time and subsequently leave Iran. The substance of this response was also incorporated accordingly into the "Information on the Procurement Channel" which has been made publicly available, including through the dedicated web page of the United Nations Security Council on resolution 2231 (2015).

4. The Joint Commission has updated the following documents relating to the work of the Procurement Working Group:

(a) Information on the Procurement Channel;

(b) Optional End-Use Certification;

(c) Explanatory Note on Optional End-Use Certification.

5. The Procurement Working Group has continued to engage with third States to raise awareness of the Procurement Channel and its process, and to explain the role and objectives of the Procurement Working Group.